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SIR:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2.

REMARKS

Claim 2 been canceled.

Claim 1 is the sole claim now pending.

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement/List of Related Cases making of record Reissue Application serial No. 10/140,040. That application is a Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,060,289. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and